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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of September 12, 2002, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph bridging original page 7 and 8 as follows:

It is also possible to compensate for the difference in brightness of stars compared to that of the earth, by suitable control of the exposure time or the integration time of the image pickup devices 4. To this effect, during operation, exposure is always in turn, one frame long and one frame short. In the respective frame that has a relatively long exposure time, e.g.

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